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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller

SUBJECT : American University Seminar
in Intelligence Research and Analysis

1. Attached is a memorandum dated 4 June 1969 concerning Mr. Hugh Cunningham's meeting with Dr. Lorna Hahn at American University. Contained herein is a proposal that the Agency resume association with Dr. Hahn's graduate Seminar in Intelligence Research and Analysis. On the basis of the information presented herein I would suggest that we do reconsider permitting participation by selected Agency officers in this course. I think some benefits and credits could accrue to the Agency.

2. You will recall that the Business Council for International Understanding sponsored four-week programs for American University businessmen slated for overseas duty. In October 1968 OTR furnished one instructor to talk on "Communism--Theory and Strategy" which resulted in a comment in November 1968 by the Washington bureau management of Electronics Magazine suggesting that businessmen might well avoid this course all together in view of CIA participation. The Business Council for International Understanding program is not related to Dr. Hahn's course, these being two separate activities.

3. Your reconsideration of Agency employees participating in presentations for Dr. Hahn's course is requested.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT : American University Seminar in Intelligence
Research and Analysis

1. This is to recommend reopening the question of CIA participation in the graduate Seminar in Intelligence Research and Analysis conducted at American University by Dr. Lorna Hahn.

2. On 2 June 1969, I met with Dr. Hahn as you requested and reviewed the whole subject at length. She brought up the following points which, in my view, justify a new look at the prohibition on participation in her course.

a. The course has been running successfully and without trouble of any kind since it was founded four or five years ago by Dr. David C. Holly. (I had come to know Holly well during the years he was the Navy representative in the coordination of many Estimates and myself participated twice while he was running the course.) The course lasts for one semester, six hours credit, and typically contains ten or a dozen graduate students in government and sometimes one or two advanced undergraduates. One prerequisite has been another course on National Security Policy taught by Mr. Durward Sandifer, a former Foreign Service officer.

b. Other Government participants in the course have been Senator Gale W. McGee, Frederick Holborn, representing the White House, and various representatives of Defense and State. Dr. Hahn argues, persuasively I think, that the absence of representation from CIA creates several adverse impressions: CIA must be mainly a spy outfit after all; its unwillingness to discuss any aspect of its work with serious students of government raises questions of what it's trying to hide; one wonders if its function is as central to the intelligence process as its name implies.

c. Given the size, nature of the students, and careful selection of subjects and speakers in the course, Dr. Hahn argues against the likelihood of disruption and hostile or embarrassing questions. She says that no untoward incidents have occurred so far, and that questions

from the floor have been confined to the subject matter of the speaker. (I can confirm these points with respect to my own previous experiences.) CIA speakers and their subjects have included the following, in addition to my own appearances on the subject of National Intelligence Estimates and occasional appearances by other members of OTR on substantive intelligence matters:

25X1 (1) [] on the national structure of Intelligence

(2) Briggs: on information retrieval systems in Intelligence

25X1 (3) [] Substantive matters of the Middle East, in connection with a research project assigned to the students

25X1 (4) [] Substantive economic problems with respect to the Communist bloc nations

25X1 (5) [] Analysis of Communist propaganda

25X1 (6) [] Soviet and Chinese Intelligence.

d. Dr. Hahn made a special point of the seriousness of the course and of the fact that its treatment of research and analysis tended to make it an uninteresting target for attack from outside, for example by student militants. To illustrate this point she said that recently the underground newspaper Free Press had published the charge that this course was designed to train spies. The only consequence of which she was aware was that she was then visited by a representative of American University's student newspaper for an interview. By the time she finished describing the nature and content of the course, the interviewer found the subject so boring that the newspaper published no article about it.

e. The course had usually included students with some intelligence experience, especially military men who had served in DIA or other military services. Several of her students have applied for CIA employment.

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3. In my view, this course offers less opportunity for embarrassment to CIA than, for example, the Washington Seminar of the Maxwell Graduate School of Syracuse University at which Jack Smith is to appear for CIA on 11 June. I note that the 1968 Seminar was composed of 43 students of whom 40 were undergraduates. Most of them came from Syracuse but in recruiting for participants in 1968, Maxwell distributed copies of a brochure advertising the Seminar to "nearly 1, 000 political scientists in universities and colleges throughout the Nation."



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